

NOTICE TO MARINERS M5 of 2019

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BLACKFRIARS BRIDGES No 1, 2 and 3 ARCH CLOSURE

On 24 January 2019 contractors working on the Tideway Tunnel Project will transfer a large crane from a floating barge onto the Southern corner of the twin wall cofferdam at the Blackfriars Site.

The transfer operations will be conducted between approximately 0200 and 0530 hours. The barge NP474 will be moored perpendicular to the cofferdam assisted primarily by GPS tugs. During this time No 1, 2 and 3 arches of Blackfriars Bridges will be closed to navigation and closed arch signs exhibited.

Local Traffic Control for navigation through No 4 arch will be undertaken from a PLA Harbour Service Launch in the vicinity of Blackfriars Bridges for the duration of the closure. All vessels intending to navigate between Cannon Street Railway Bridge and Waterloo Bridge are to call 'BLACKFRIARS CONTROL' on VHF Channel 14 as follows:

- Inbound at Cannon Street Railway Bridge
- Outbound at Waterloo Bridge
- Prior to leaving a berth or mooring between Waterloo Bridge and Cannon Street Railway Bridge

The vessels involved will maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF channel 14. RY flags will be exhibited in conjunction with "proceed with caution / slow down requests" in VTS broadcasts.

Arches closed to navigation will be marked in accordance with the Port of London Authority Thames Byelaws 2012 namely:

- By day, three red discs 0.6 metres in diameter at the points of an equilateral triangle with the apex downwards and the base horizontal.
- By night, three red lights in similar positions to the discs displayed by day

Vessels are requested to be particularly mindful of the sensitive nature of this operation especially with respect to their wash when passing the works during this period and to pass at a safe distance.

In the event that the crane transfer operation needs to be postponed due to weather or other reason, a contingency date for this operation to take place is Friday 25 January 2019 between 02:30 and 06:00 hours

Further details will be broadcast by **London VTS** on **VHF Channel 14**.

14 January 2019

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Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



EXPIRY DATE: 26th January 2019
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